

Community Involvement/VolunteersVolunteers/Business Partnerships

The Stafford County School Board recognizes that volunteers and businesses make a valuable contribution to the educational program and that their involvement in the schools increases the support of the schools by the community.

Businesses, through partnerships with the schools, enhance and support educational opportunities for students. Cooperative programs which meet the goals and objectives of the instructional program of Stafford County Public Schools are permitted.

Parents shall be encouraged to become involved as volunteers in the educational program. The principal may appoint parents as volunteers to assist in the schools. The principal will provide orientation, job descriptions and specific assignments for the volunteers. Parent volunteers may be permitted to ride the school bus to and from school under regulations of the superintendent.

Legal Reference: through June 30, 1997

Code of Va., §2.1-555. Definitions.—"As used in this chapter, the following items shall have the following meanings unless another may clearly be inferred from the content:

1. "Volunteer" shall mean any person who, of his own free will, provides goods or services, without any financial gain, to any agency, instrumentally or political subdivision of the Commonwealth;

2. "Regular-service volunteer" shall mean any person engaged in specific voluntary service activities on an ongoing or continuous basis;

3. "Occasional-service volunteer" shall mean any person who provides a one-time or occasional voluntary service;

4. "Material donor" shall mean any person who, without financial gain, provides funds, materials,

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employment, or opportunities for clients of agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

5. "Department" shall mean and include all departments and divisions enumerated in §2.1-1.1 and local agencies under the jurisdiction or supervision thereof, and for the purposes of §2.1-556, §2.1-557.1 and §2.1-558, shall include political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. (1977, c. 347; 1979, c. 131.)

Code of Va., §2.1-558. Volunteer benefits.—A. Meals may be furnished without charge to regular-service volunteers, provided scheduled work assignments extend over an established meal period. Meals may be furnished without charge to occasional-service volunteers at the discretion of the department's executive head.

B. Lodging, if available, may be furnished temporarily, at no charge, to regular-service volunteers.

C. Transportation reimbursement may be furnished those volunteers whose presence is determined to be necessary to the department. Rates or amounts of such reimbursement shall not exceed those provided in §14.1-5 of the Code of Virginia. Volunteers may utilize State vehicles in the performance of their duties, subject to those rules and regulations governing use of State vehicles by paid staff.

D. Liability insurance may be provided by the department utilizing their services both to regular-service and occasional-service volunteers to the same extent as may be provided by the department to its paid staff. Volunteers in State and local service shall enjoy the protection of the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff." (1979)

Code of Va., §65.2-101. Definitions. "Employee" means:

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1.k. Volunteers, officers and employees of nay commission or board of any authority created or controlled by a local governing body, or any local agency or public service corporation owned, operated or controlled by such local governing body, whenever coverage under this title is authorized by resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the governing board of nay county, city, town, or any political subdivision thereof. (1996)

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Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:7. Standard 7. Policy manual.—" . . . D. Each local school board shall ensure that the policy manual include the following policies, which shall be developed giving consideration to the views of teachers, parents, and other concerned citizens. . ."

4. A policy for school-community communications and community involvement; . . ." (1992)

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